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NOTES AND ABSTRACTS

PSYCHOLOGY—LEGAL-MEDICINE

American Association of Clinical Psychologists.—The American Association of Clinical Psychologists was organized on the evening of December 28, 1917, at Pittsburgh, Pa. According to the Constitution tentatively adopted, pending the next annual meeting, the objects of the Association shall be:

1. To promote a mutual understanding and an esprit de corps among those working in the field of clinical psychology.
2. To aid in the establishment of definite standards of fitness for work in clinical psychology.
3. To standardize and improve mental examination methods.
4. To encourage research and the suitable publication of the results of research.

To be eligible for membership in this Association, a psychologist must, as a minimum requirement,

- (1) Hold the Ph. D. degree in psychology (or in educational psychology), or its equivalent, and must, in addition,
- (2) Have published, or prepared for publication, a contribution of value to the literature of clinical methods or psychological tests, or
- (3) Have had practical experience in psychological examination, including at least 200 hours of actual practice.

From the numbers of those accepting will be appointed, by the temporary chairman, Dr. J. E. W. Wallin, a Committee on Final Draft of Constitution, and a Committee on Nomination of Officers. There will be no dues for the current year. The Committee on Constitution will formulate a plan for dues, to be voted upon as an article of the Constitution, at the next annual meeting.

California Mental Hygiene Society.—The activities of the California Society for Mental Hygiene are shown by the following committees, which are now energetically at work:

- I. Committee on Public Meetings.
- II. Committee on Mental Hygiene in National Defense.

This committee is at present engaged in trying to segregate feeble-minded girls who will be a menace if allowed to be at large in the neighborhood of the military camps.

- III. Committee on the Commitment of the Insane.

Insane persons are actually sick. Why treat them as murderers and thieves before commitment to state hospitals?

- IV. Committee on the Establishment of a State Psychopathic Hospital.

This committee is working for the establishment of a state hospital for the first care and observation of mental patients and the treatment of acute and immediately curable mental diseases.

- V. Committee on the Study and Vocational Placement of Normal, Sub-normal and Super-normal Children.

Mental tests of children to determine those who are mental defectives; the cause of the poor work of those who are normal, but are retarded in their

school work; and to eliminate the waste of school time by the super-normal child. To make an investigation of the heredity, the neighborhood, and family conditions of those doing unsatisfactory work in school. To study and investigate the desirability of sterilization of sub-normal children working outside of institutions.

VI. Committee on the Advancement of the Medico-psychological Examination of Adult and Juvenile Delinquents and their Care and Treatment.

In view of the large per cent of feeble-minded and psychopathic persons found in prisons and reformatories among both juvenile and adults, it will be at once evident that those arrested in California should have such a medical and psychological examination, as is now being given in some eastern cities, before final commitment.

VII. Committee on the Establishment of County Branches of the California Society for Mental Hygiene.

This committee is working to establish affiliated branches in order to further the cause of mental hygiene in the state.

"Affiliated members: Any society or institution contributing not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) annually to the Society shall be an affiliated member, its president having a vote."

VIII. Committee on the After-care of the Insane.

There are many patients who leave the state hospitals and go into the world without relatives or friends to care for them, or to provide proper employment in a safe environment.

IX. Committee on Mental Hygiene Clinics.

We certainly need to meet the mentally sick half way, as they have done, for example, in New York and Connecticut. To wait until these unfortunates get to an insane hospital makes the cure less probable and the process longer and more expensive.

X. Committee on Publicity.

XI. Proposed; A Committee on the Care and Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Users.—From August Vollmer, Chief of Police, Berkeley, Cal.

American Psychological Association's Activities in War Time.—Some of the work being undertaken by the American Psychological Association under the advice of the National Research Council shows the wide scope of the work of this committee, as:

- a. The psychological examination of recruits;
- b. The selection of men for tasks requiring special skill;
- c. The psychological problems of aviation, including examination of aviation recruits;
- d. The psychological problems of incapacity, especially those of shock, re-education and vocational training;
- e. The psychological problems of recreation in the army and navy;
- f. The psychological problems of military training and discipline;
- g. The problems of motivation in connection with military service;
- h. The problems of emotional stability, fear and self-control;
- i. The encouragement of neurological and psychiatric examination of U. S. T. C. members.

COURTS—LAWS

For the Employment of Convict Labor in Manufacture of War Supplies (65th Congress, 2nd Session; Senate Bill 3076. Introduced Dec. 4,